



Ephesians 4:1-6; 5:1-2

SERIES BIG IDEA:

I am empowered with a grace swagger as I sit in the presence of God, walk in His Spirit, and stand firm against the attacks of the enemy.

Grace Swagger: an unearned but given confidence to those who belong to Christ.

- **What are we saved from? Death**
- **What are we saved by? Grace**
- **What are we saved to? New Life**
- **What are we saved for? God**

Grace Swagger is grown out of a new identity in Christ.

⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true)

Ephesians 5:8-9 (ESV)

Growing in Grace Swagger will compel us to action.

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called.

Ephesians 4:1 (ESV)

So as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

Colossians 1:10 (ESV)

Whoever says he abides in Him ought to walk in the same way in which He walked.

1 John 2:6 (ESV)

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

My Grace Swagger is a walk of humility, gentleness, and patience.

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love

Ephesians 4:1-2 (ESV)

Humility is not thinking less of yourself but thinking of yourself less. (C.S. Lewis)

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

James 4:10 (NIV)

We walk with humility first by humbly repenting of our pride.

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ

Ephesians 5:21 (ESV)

We express our humility by submitting to one another.

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful in building each other up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

Ephesians 4:29(NIV)



Be kind and compassionate to one another...

Ephesians 4:32a (NIV)

We walk with gentleness through our words and deeds

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)

We walk with patience by forgiving and walking with others.

¹ Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:1-2 (NIV)

We walk in humility, gentleness, and patience by walking in the Spirit of God who is love.

I will walk with Grace Swagger by walking in love just as Christ loved me.



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TEACHING SUMMARY:

How we carry ourselves in our daily life is important. We are given a high calling as a Christ Follower to carry out the great commission and share his love with those around us through our words and deeds.

Are you walking in humility, gentleness, and patience? These are the ways of Christ. These are the ways He carried himself as he walked with people who were far from him.

We see from Jesus that a walk with humility is a walk that consistently looks to others first. A walk with gentleness is in both word and deed. A walk with patience is a walk of forgiveness and bearing with one another in all circumstances.

When we walk in the power of the Holy Spirit we will walk worthy of the call that we have been given and we can walk with a Grace Swagger in everything that we say and do.

TALK-IT-OVER:

When you hear the words humility, gentleness, and patience what comes to mind? Do you feel that these words aptly describe your life?

What would need to change about your life in order to have those words be accurate descriptors of you? What is stopping you from making those changes?

How much confidence would you have if you truly trusted in the power of the Spirit that He would change your life? What makes you say that? What about your life needs to be different to live that out?

What is one next step you can take today?

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING:

Day 1) Galatians 2:20-21; Romans 6:6-11

Day 2) 2 Corinthians 5:14-18

Day 3) 1 Peter 2:9-10

Day 4) Titus 2:11-14

Day 5) Colossians 1:9-14

Day 6) Colossians 3:1-14